

# Community Assessment Program Area 22 Report to the Community

The Community Assessment Program is intended to bring work groups of city employees across department lines into each neighborhood of the city so all neighborhoods are the focus of an information gathering and issue identification effort at least once a year.

Staff walked this area on April 16, 2003 to conduct a first hand assessment. Corrective actions have been scheduled, assignments made, follow-up is being documented, and this report has been prepared to the community on the area.

Area 22 is bounded by on the north by McDonald Street, on the west by Highway 99W, on the south by Murdock Street, and on the east by 97<sup>th</sup> Avenue. This area is primarily residential with commercial

establishments on the west side adjacent to Highway 99W. The majority of the area is zoned medium and low density residential, however the property abutting 99W is zoned and developed General Commercial. The southwest corner is dominated by apartment buildings, and Murdock between 105<sup>th</sup> and 110<sup>th</sup> has higher density developments, but the rest of the area going east is composed of primarily single family detached dwellings.

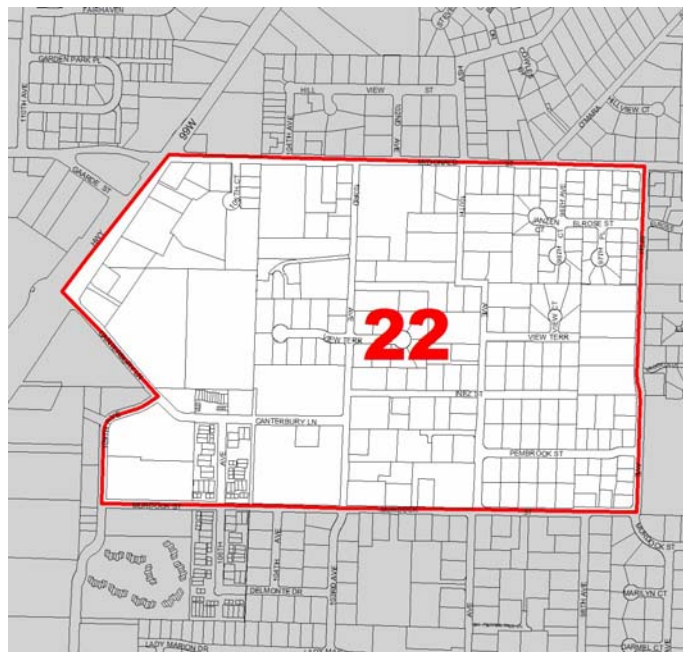
Below is a summary of the assessment of your area. Please note where the city or other agency will assume responsibility for follow-up and where private citizens are responsible. Volunteer opportunities are also identified where neighbors could get involved to address issues. Together, we can work to improve our community.

**Kudos** – Lots of Kudos for this area including comments on wonderful landscaping, nice flowers, and basketball hoops in the correct location (outside of the right-of-way).

**Basketball hoops in right-of-way** – We found several instances where basketball hoops are on sidewalks which are in the public right-of-way. Did you know that basketball hoops aren't allowed in the public right-of-way? An article detailing the rules for placement of basketball hoops will appear in the May Cityscape. Contact Christine Darnell, Code Compliance Specialist, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2441 or [christine@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:christine@ci.tigard.or.us).

**Weeds/Shrubs blocking sidewalks** – In several locations residents have allowed their shrubs and/or weeds to grow onto the sidewalk. All vegetation should be clear of sidewalks. If your bushes or weeds have experienced a recent growth spurt please trim them back away from the sidewalk. Questions? Contact Christine Darnell, Code Compliance Specialist, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2441 or [christine@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:christine@ci.tigard.or.us).

## Map of Area 22



**Overgrown vegetation on private property** – Did you know that any grass over 12 inches tall is considered noxious vegetation and a violation of city code? There were a few comments that grass is beginning to get high on several properties in this area. Make sure to stay on top of the mowing as the warmer weather gets here. Questions? Contact Christine Darnell, Code Compliance Specialist, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2441 or [christine@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:christine@ci.tigard.or.us) .

**Trip Hazards on sidewalks** – Sidewalk maintenance is the property owner responsibility. There were several areas with cracks, settling etc in the sidewalk that could pose a trip hazard and could be a potential liability for property owners. Please make sure that your sidewalk remains a safe place for pedestrians. Questions? Contact Christine Darnell, Code Compliance Specialist, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2441 or [christine@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:christine@ci.tigard.or.us) .

**Businesses without paid business tax** – All businesses including home based businesses in Tigard must pay an annual business tax. If you own a business in this area, please make sure your business tax payment is current. Please contact Heather at 503-639-4171 ext. 2487 or [heather@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:heather@ci.tigard.or.us) if you have questions. In addition to paying the business tax, you must have an approved home occupation permit to conduct business from your home. Please contact the permit counter at 503-639-4171 ext 2421.

**Vegetation in storm water ditches and catch basins** – The Public Works Department will assess each location identified as needing attention and establish a priority for annual maintenance. You can help out by keeping vegetation down in storm water ditches that abut your property. Questions? Contact Eric Hand at 503-639-4171 ext. 2607 or [eric@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:eric@ci.tigard.or.us) .

**Street maintenance** – Several comments were received regarding needed street maintenance to fix potholes, cracks etc. The Public Works Department will assess each location and establish a priority for maintenance. Questions? Contact Howard Gregory at 503-639-4171 ext 2606 or [howard@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:howard@ci.tigard.or.us) .

More ways you can help make our community better –

**If you spot graffiti** contact the police non-emergency number at 503-629-0111 to report the location. An officer will be dispatched to photograph the graffiti for record and the property owner or public agency (if it is on a utility pole, box or transit stop) will be notified.

FYI – The fence at the John Tigard House will be getting a fresh coat of paint soon thank to Volunteers.

If you are interested in serving as a community connector for this area, please contact Liz Newton at 503-639-4171 ext. 2412 or [liz@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:liz@ci.tigard.or.us). The role of the community connector is a two way communicator of information as well as the neighborhood contact in times of emergency.

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